

member of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative, the Maine Forest Products Council, and the Professional Logging Contractors of Maine. Today, with brothers Eldon and Rudy Pelletier at the helm, Gerald Pelletier Inc. has over 100 employees during the frigid winter months that, in addition to logging, build and maintain roads and bridges throughout Maine.

Gerald Pelletier Inc. has become a very attractive operation thanks in large part to the television show *American Loggers*, which airs on the Discovery Channel. This popular show has catapulted the company into a bright spotlight, and thrust the family into a form of reality-stardom. Produced by a native son of Maine, the show portrays the struggles and successes of the family as it continues its work in one of Maine's most remarkable and historic industries.

With this newfound nationwide appeal, Gerald Pelletier Inc. was recently able to undertake another entrepreneurial endeavor, the Pelletier Loggers Family Restaurant in Millinocket. Their restaurant serves up hearty Maine meals prepared from scratch to an array of locals and visitors alike. Customers can order from a wide variety of creatively titled menu items like the Moose on the Loose, a 10 oz. filet mignon, or for those interested in sampling fresh seafood, the Triple Trailer, which is a seafood medley of lobster, scallops and shrimp.

While at the restaurant, customers from across the country can also get a true visual taste of the Maine logging experience. In front of the building, a tractor trailer truck can be seen bursting from the second floor. Inside, various tools used in the logging trade adorn the walls, including a rugged chainsaw that is stuck through one of the beams. Clearly, the Pelletiers have invested a great deal of effort in providing visitors with a thorough and fulfilling traditional experience.

Truly, Gerald Pelletier Inc. embodies the entrepreneurial spirit that makes America so great. The Pelletier family has shown that a small business can succeed through hard work and personal sacrifice. I extend my congratulations to Rudy and Eldon Pelletier, the two coowners, and everyone at Gerald Pelletier Inc. for their remarkable enterprises, and offer my best wishes for their future success.●

TRIBUTE TO LYDIA SAND

● Mr. THUNE, Mr. President, today I recognize Lydia Sand, an intern in my Sioux Falls, SD, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Lydia is a graduate of Washington High School in Sioux Falls, SD. Currently, she is attending Bethel University, where she is majoring in international relations. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Lydia for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5552. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that the payment of the manufacturers' excise tax on recreational equipment be paid quarterly and to provide for the assessment by the Secretary of the Treasury of certain criminal restitution.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

At 10:20 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

S.J. Res. 33. Joint resolution to provide for the reconsideration and revisions of the proposed constitution of the United States Virgin Islands to correct provisions inconsistent with the Constitution and Federal law.

The joint resolution was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

At 11:25 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 65. Concurrent resolution providing for the use of the catafalque situated in the Exhibition Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center in connection with memorial services to be conducted in the United States Senate Chamber for the Honorable Robert C. Byrd, late a Senator from the State of West Virginia.

At 3:44 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 293. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the LI Senate.

At 7:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4173) to provide for financial regulatory reform, to protect consumers and investors, to enhance Federal understanding of insurance issues, to regulate the over-the-counter derivatives markets, and for other purposes.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 5623. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the home-buyer tax credit for the purchase of a principal residence before October 1, 2010, in the case of a written binding contract entered into with respect to such principal residence before May 1, 2010, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 5552. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that the payment of the manufacturers' excise tax on recreational equipment be paid quarterly and to provide for the assessment by the Secretary of the Treasury of certain criminal restitution.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, June 30, 2010, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled joint resolution:

S.J. Res. 33. Joint resolution to provide for the reconsideration and revision of the proposed constitution of the United States Virgin Islands to correct provisions inconsistent with the Constitution and Federal law.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6467. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reimbursement Transportation Cost Payment Program for Geographically Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers" (RIN0560-AI08) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6468. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Ethiopia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6469. A communication from the Federal Liaison Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Correspondence with the United States Patent and Trademark Office" (RIN0651-AC08) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 28, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6470. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition and Removal of Certain Persons on the Entity List: Addition of Persons Acting Contrary to the National Security or Foreign Policy Interests of the United States; Removal of Person Based on Removal Request"